

road as well. There may have been seven or eight cars everytime there have been two or three trucks. But the truckers are held to a higher standard because when they get out of control and they start sliding off the road an awful lot more damage can be done. And I call to your mind a situation where a triple trailer is going to lose control and where one of these things is going to start whiplashing back and forth and it is going to slide off the road either to the center or to the side and how many cars is it going to take with it? How many cars is it going to take with the triple trailer as it goes off the road? I mean, as Senator Beutler indicates, they are extremely dangerous creatures, and as Senator Chambers indicates, and when they do lose control, chances are there is going to be a very serious accident involved. Now some representations have been made about this bill is providing for safety but take a look at the safety language. It is on page 3 of the bill. The safety language in this bill simply says the Department of Roads shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations including but not limited to weather conditions and road conditions. All it says is there will be rules and regulations pertaining to weather conditions, road conditions and safety considerations. Now in my view that is no protection. Here in the Legislature we are setting utterly no standards in terms of what kind of weather conditions, or what kind of road conditions, or what kind of safety conditions are required. We have delegated this completely to the Department of Roads. So I think we are falling down in our responsibility to provide safe conditions for these triple trailers and any representations to the contrary, I think, are not true. Now let me say finally I have been astounded at the strength that this bill has had. You know, as far as I am able to tell, the public is against it, most editorial reporters in the state are against it. The railroads are against it. The Teamsters Union is against it. Dick Collins gave a strong speech in the Public Works Committee against it citing the kind of figures Senator Beutler has here in his handout. The United Transportation Union is against it. There is basically nobody for it that I have been able to tell except the trucking industry itself. And again let's look at what members of the Teamsters say that have had experiences with